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ABSTRACT

The history of Vietnamese immigration to the United States is traced, and contributions Vietnamese immigrants have made to the United States are reviewed in this book which is part of a series for children. Most Vietnamese immigrants came in the wake of the Vietnam War, making them among the recent immigrants to the United States. Determination, hard work, and a belief in the importance of education are making them successful in a culture so different from their own, and the notable Americans of Vietnamese descent whose accomplishments are traced will be joined by many others. Vietnamese children in United States schools may find a conflict between the traditional ways of instruction in Vietnam, where the authority figure of the teacher is always right, and the American system that tries to teach children to think for themselves. English and Vietnamese differ greatly, and learning the language is very difficult for the immigrant. Nevertheless, many young Vietnamese have adapted well and are doing well academically. (SLD)

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